

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 are presently active in this case, Claim 1 having been amended by the present amendment, and Claim 9-19 having been withdrawn from consideration.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hikita et al. (USP 4,792,939 hereinafter, "Hikita") in view of Tomura et al. (USP 5,150,282 hereinafter, "Tomura").

In light of the several grounds for rejection, Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the claimed invention and thereby more clearly patentably define over the cited references. To that end, amended Claim 1 recites --a shield partition of a conductor provided in contact with the shield case, including-- the first and second partitions previously recited. Support for recitation of a shield partition is provided by the shield partition 114 shown in Figure 19, for example. No new matter has been added.

In view of the present amendment to Claim 1, Applicants respectfully submitted that the pending claims patentably define over the cited prior art, next discussed.

Hikita discloses a duplex radio communication transceiver including a duplexer 102 connected to an antenna 101, a receiving low-noise amplifier 108 and power amplifier 119, and a base band circuit 112, formed on the alumina substrates on the metallic substrate 201,<sup>1</sup> which are electromagnetically shielded.<sup>2</sup> However, Hikita provides no disclosure or suggestion of the claimed shield partition of a conductor provided in contact with the shield case and the claimed cut provided from the top panel in the shield case so as to overlay the processor unit between the first and second partitions.

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<sup>1</sup> Hikita, column 3, line 47- column 4, line 4; column 4 lines 53-66; FIGs. 1 and 2.

<sup>2</sup> Id., column 8, line 67- column 9, line 2.

Tomura discloses an electromagnetic shielding structure for a portable phone including a plurality of ribs 28 for separating the high-frequency functional circuits mounted on the printed-circuit board 21<sup>3</sup> and the shielding member 30 press-fitted in the long groove of the rib 28 of the rear case 24, thereby, enabling the electromagnetic shielding of one high-frequency functional circuit from other high-frequency functional circuits.<sup>4</sup> However, Tomura provides no disclosure or suggestion of the claimed shield partition of a conductor provided in contact with the shield case and claimed cut provided from the top panel in the shield case so as to overlay the processor unit between the first and second partitions.

In view of the noted deficiencies in Hikita and Tomura, it is respectfully submitted that these references substantially differ from the claimed structure and cannot achieve the effectiveness of the structure of the claimed combination, which make it possible to suppress the direct interference from spurious signals emitted from the transmitting amplifier to the receiving amplifier and electromagnetic disturbance waves leaking from the transmitting unit to the receiving unit, and to reduce electromagnetic disturbance waves leaking from the transmitting unit to the receiving unit since the gap between the processor unit and each of the first partition, the second partition, and the cut of the shield partition is suppressed to a level corresponding to the assembly margin.

Indeed, both Hikita and Tomura are silent about claimed cut provided from the top panel in the shield case so as to overlay the processor unit between the first and second partitions. Therefore, the outstanding rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Hikita and Tomura is believed to have been overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

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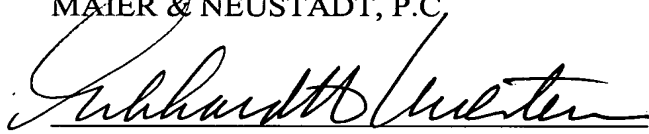
<sup>3</sup> Tomura, column 3, lines 20-24, and FIG. 3.

<sup>4</sup> Id., column 4 line 3-10, and FIGs. 3 to 5.

Consequently, Claim 1 and the remaining active dependent Claims 2-8 are believed to be allowable over the cited references, and no further issues are believed to be outstanding. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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